

Dear FCC:

I object to the proposed rule NPRM 02-230. Once again you are catering to private interests while discounting the public interest which you were created to serve. I believe the "Broadcast Flag" proposal is short-sighted and will result in the following things:

1. Create a black market for fully functional digital television devices which will needlessly burden law enforcement officials.
2. Line the pockets of greedy corporate media executives.
3. Create another barrier to public access to the airways and provide a legal vehicle for censorship of independent (non-corporate) voices, ideas and broadcast content.
4. Generally limit the free flow of information.

These items are in addition to the obvious fact that this proposed rule is not in the public interest.

Honestly, who is responsible for devising these ideas which ignore the basic mandate of your organization - to serve the PUBLIC INTEREST!!! What majority of the public believes this is a good idea? How is this going to benefit anyone but private corporations? Has anyone within your organization considered the long term effects of this proposed rule? Has anyone within your organization asked these vitally important questions?!?!? Has anyone asked the public what they think?! If not, then why not?

I see this proposed rule as yet another reason to remove the current FCC chairman. He is a disgrace to your organization and makes a mockery of his office, the FCC, and the intended goal of government regulation in the public interest.

Sincerely,
Joseph Stankavage.